



*Gansell's Bergamot.*

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GANSELL'S BERGAMOT PEAR.

This truly excellent Pear was obtained from a seed of the *Autumn Bergamot*, by the late Lieutenant-General GANSEL, at his seat, *Donneland Hall*, near *Colchester*, about fifty years ago\*.

The specimen from which the drawing was taken, ripened on a standard tree in 1808. When trained to a wall, with a favourable exposure, it commonly attains a much larger size; but it is not then so highly flavoured, nor will it keep so long. If this fruit be gathered from a standard tree about the 10th of October, and placed in an airy room, it will be in perfection towards the middle of November, and will continue about a month. This Pear never begins to decay internally, but gives fair warning when it cannot be longer preserved: its pulp is not so soft and melting as that of the *Brown Beurré*, but it contains much more saccharine matter. It is so highly esteemed by the public, that fine samples sell currently in *Covent Garden Market* at 2s. 6d. each. The tree grows with great vigour, the wood being hard and compact, and the bark perfectly smooth and healthy: it is, however, generally found to be a shy bearer, except in very favour-

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